

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 09/176,940

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a flexible printed circuit electrically connected to rotary transformers respectively mounted to the rotary drum and the stationary drum, for transmitting an information signal read by said magnetic head to a main printed circuit board (PCB); and

a first connector coupled to an end of said flexible printed circuit for electrically connecting said flexible printed circuit to the main PCB,

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wherein said first connector has a first end portion which is inserted into and fittingly coupled to said through-hole so as to extend directly downward via said through-hole, and a second end portion which extends beyond said through-hole and is electrically connected to a second connector mounted to the main PCB

[wherein the flexible printed circuit is drawn out directly downward via said through-hole so that said first connector is electrically connected to a second connector mounted to the main PCB].

REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in the application. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,010,432 (Fukushima et al.) or U.S. Patent No. 5,321,569 (Sakai). For the following reasons, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention relates to an improved rotary head drum assembly for a tape recorder, by which the length of a circuit for connecting a rotary transformer of a stationary drum